(a) whether the NHPC is constructing the Koel Karo Hydel Project in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Koel Karo Hydro Electric Project (710 MW) in Jharkhand, originally approved in June, 1981, is an identified project to be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC). Construction work on the project has not yet started.

As per the judgment delivered on 25.07.2003 by the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi while disposing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding implementation of the Project, the State Government of Jharkhand is required to take a decision on whether to go ahead with the Project or not and to take up the matter further with the Union Government if it decides to proceed with the implementation of the project. The decision in this regard has not yet been taken by the Government of Jharkhand.

Target for rural Electrification

†67. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any time-limit to provide electricity to all houses in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the said target alongwith the estimated funds and total electricity needed to achieve the target; and

(c) the percentage of rural areas in each State provided with electricity by the end of March, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) According to the National Common Minimum Programme household electrification is to be completed in five years. The details of the scheme and the requirement of funds are being worked out.

(c) State-wise percentage of village electrification is given in the Statement enclosed.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Status of Village Electrification as on 31.3.2004

Sl.No.	State	Total No. of inhabited villages as per 1991 census	Total No. of villages electrified	Balance unelectrified villages	% age of electrified villages
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26586	26565	—	100
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3649	2335	1314	64
3.	Assam	24685	19081	5604	77.30
4.	Bihar	38475	19251	19224	50
5.	Jharkhand	29336	7641	21695	26
6.	Goa	360	360	—	100
7.	Gujarat	18028	17940	—	100
8.	Haryana	6759	6759	—	100
9.	HimaChal Pradesh	16997	16891	106	99.38
10.	J&K	6477	6301	176	97.28
11.	Karnataka	27066	26771	295	98.91
12.	Kerala	1384	1384	—	100
13.	Madhya Pradesh	51806	50474	1332	97.43
14.	Chhattisgarh	19720	18532	1188	94
15.	Maharashtra	40412	40351	—	100
16.	Manipur	2182	2043	139	93.63
17.	Meghalaya	5484	3016	2468	55
18.	Mizoram	698	691	7	99
19.	Nagaland	1216	1216	—	100
20.	Orissa	46989	37663	9326	80.15
21.	Punjab	12428	12428	—	100
22.	Rajasthan	37889	37276	613	98.38
23.	Sikkim	447	405	42	90.60
24.	Tamil Nadu	15822	15822	-	100
25.	Tripura	855	818	37	95.67
26.	Uttar Pradesh	97122	57042	40080	58.73
27.	Uttaranchal	15681	13131	2550	83.73
28.	West Bengal	37910	31705	6205	83.63
	Total (States)	586463	473892	112401	80.80
	Total UTs	1093	1090	--	100%
	All India	587556	474982	112401	80.80%